Mr. President: This is the first time in the history of the Cochin Legislative Council that you are really tackling a no-confidence motion. These kinds of token cuts against any department in previous years had really no effect. It is better, I think, that this House really understands what the parliamentary position is in such matters. As a number of members of the Cochin State Congress party observed, it will certainly be open for any member of this House to table a motion in any form just for the purpose of discussing the policy of the Minister without intending it to be a no-confidence motion. But at the same time it will always be open for the Minister to get up and say "I will treat this as a no-confidence motion". You cannot deny that liberty to the Minister. The whole question consists of voting and not discussion. You are quite at liberty to move a motion simply for the purpose of discussion, but it is open for the Minister to treat it as a no-confidence motion. You cannot find fault with the Minister for taking this position. From a reading of the words of the motion I inferred that it must be intended to be a real no-confidence motion. From my experience of parliamentary practice I took it as a no-confidence motion and I made it clear at the very beginning. It is perfectly plain that it was not the intention of the Cochin State Congress party to move a no-confidence motion and we will accept their word. At the same time the Minister has stated that he will take it as a no-confidence motion. It is for the House to decide.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I think it is better to press it to a division, because similar motions are coming again.

(Leave for withdrawal was refused and the motion put to vote was lost.)

The demand under General Administration, was put and carried.

10. General Administration-Cranganur Rs. 1,787.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I beg to move that an amount of Rs. 1,787 be sanctioned under General Administration, Cranganur.

The demand was put and carried.

The House rose for the day at 5-10 p. m.

C. J. MATHEW,
Secretary to the Council.

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